Jan 28th.

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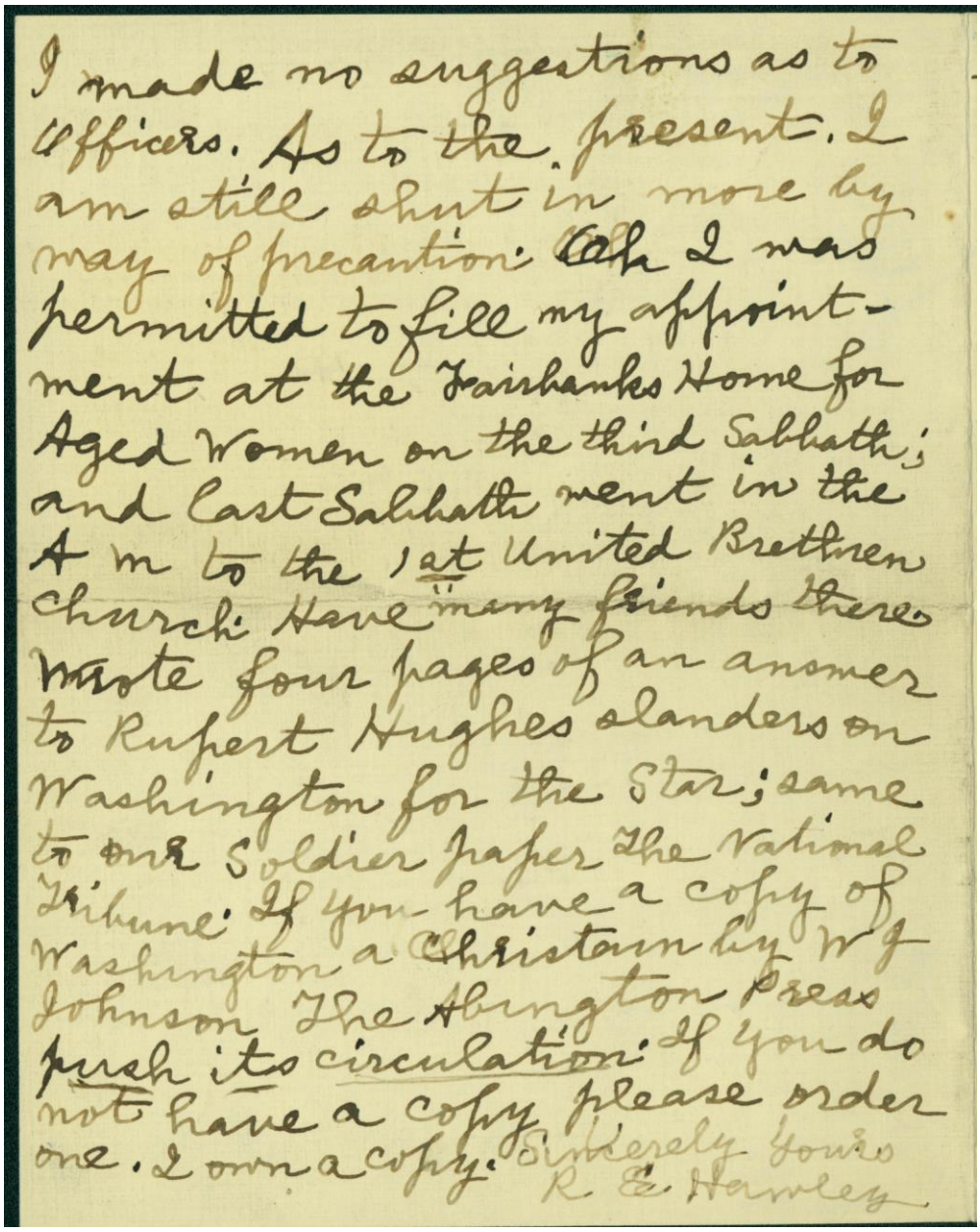
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R E Hawley

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[Starting under date and below greeting written upside down are the following words]
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